

August 17, 1983

Ms. Linda Greenan
3617 Bayview Road
Coconut Grove, Florida 33133

Dear Linda:

It is a pleasure to write in support of a continued active life for the Coconut Grove Elementary School.

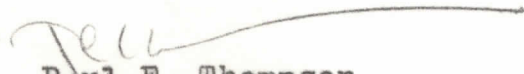
I need not repeat here the historic and architectural significance of the structure. Its lineage is well documented. Equally as important is the fact that hundreds of pioneer Miamians, their offspring and thousands more were educated within its walls; the very people who found promise in our sub-tropical land, started the inexorable process of building a city, then expanded its parameters and led us to our present position as an international metropolis.

As Miami and South Florida continue to prosper, it remains critical that we retain those aspects of the past that chart the path of growth. Particularly, structures such as this School keep us in touch with our history on a daily basis, providing a real and living presence difficult, if not impossible, to reproduce. One can almost feel the energies of generations of school children passing through its classrooms and breezeways.

Dade Heritage Trust, as the major County-wide historic preservation organization, has helped retain many structures and historic sites in its eleven-year life through all means available. Although some were more grand, and others are associated with significant events or people, I cannot think of another building in our community that has meant more to more of us for more years.

We heartily support your efforts to preserve the Coconut Grove Elementary School.

Sincerely,


Paul E. Thompson
Executive Director